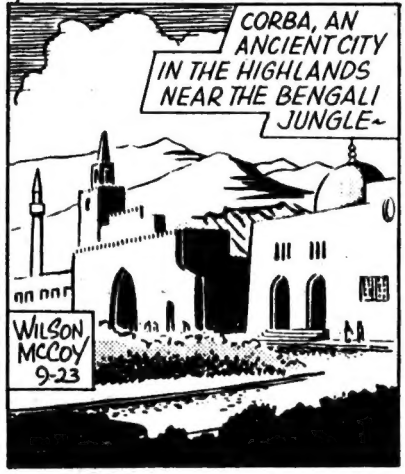
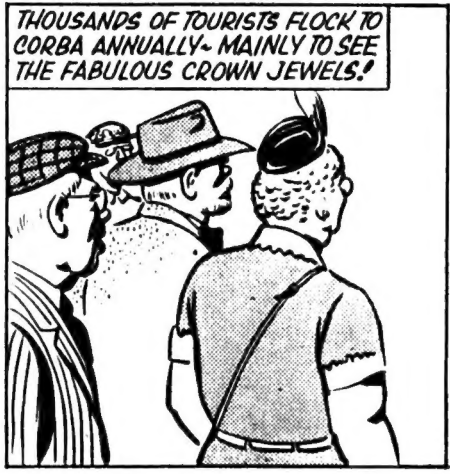

CORBA, AN ANCIENT CITY IN THE HIGHLANDS NEAR THE BENGALI JUNGLE~
WILSON McCOY 9-23

~RULED BY AGED PRINCE CORBAN, FAMED FOR CHARITY AND PUBLIC WORKS~


THOUSANDS OF TOURISTS FLOCK TO CORBA ANNUALLY~ MAINLY TO SEE THE FABULOUS CROWN JEWELS!

THIS IS THE MOST FAMOUS DIAMOND COLLECTION ON EARTH~

MARSTON, A DIAMOND MERCHANT, AND HIS DAUGHTER ROBIN, VISITORS TO CORBA.
CORBA
WILSON McCOY 9-24

YES, MR. MARSTON, WE HAVE YOUR RESERVATIONS. PASSPORTS, PLEASE.
HERE~FOR MY DAUGHTER AND MYSELF. WHERE ARE THE CROWN JEWELS?

NEXT TO THE PALACE~ ANYONE CAN DIRECT YOU~ FIRST THING TOURISTS ASK ABOUT~
SEND OUR LUGGAGE TO OUR SUITE~

WHY RUSH? CAN'T WE UNPACK FIRST?
NO, ROBIN. I'VE WAITED ALL MY LIFE TO SEE THE CROWN JEWELS OF CORBA!

DADDY, YOU'RE IN THE DIAMOND BUSINESS~ BUT WHY THIS RUSH?
THE CORBA CROWN JEWELS ARE THE MOST FAMOUS COLLECTION ON EARTH~

THE ONLY REASON ANYONE COMES TO THIS PLACE IS TO SEE THEM~TWO TICKETS, PLEASE.
TICKETS 10 shillings

THEY'VE BEEN COLLECTED OVER THE CENTURIES BY THE ROYAL HOUSE OF CORBA~~PRICELESS.

WILSON McCOY 9-25
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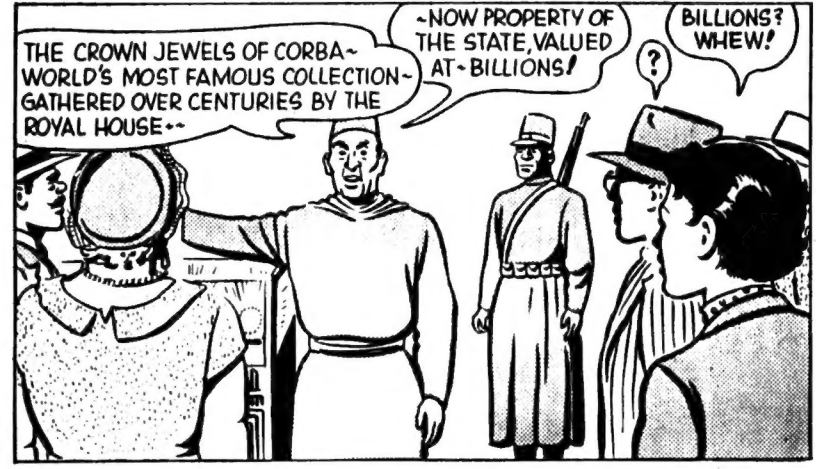
MY!


THE CROWN JEWELS OF CORBA~ WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS COLLECTION~ GATHERED OVER CENTURIES BY THE ROYAL HOUSE--
~NOW PROPERTY OF THE STATE, VALUED AT ~BILLIONS!
BILLIONS? WHEW!
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NOW IF YOU'LL COME THIS WAY~
DADDY?

I'VE WANTED TO SEE THESE ALL MY LIFE~ BUT THEY'RE ALL FAKES!
WILSON McCOY 9-26

DADDY, HOW CAN THESE CROWN JEWELS BE FAKES? YOU SAID YOURSELF THEY'RE THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS COLLECTION!
I'VE SOLD DIAMONDS ALL MY LIFE~ I KNOW PHONIES WHEN I SEE THEM.
THERE'S NOT A REAL DIAMOND IN THE LOT!

WILSON McCOY 9-27

YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN.
I'VE GOT A MAGNIFYING GLASS IN MY ROOM. I'LL COME BACK FOR A CLOSER LOOK!

THE CROWN JEWELS--ALL GLASS~ I COULDN'T BELIEVE MY EYES! I'M GOING BACK TO MAKE SURE!

YOU MUST BE WRONG, DADDY. BESIDES, WHO CARES? I'M GOING TO UNPACK, THEN SEE THE TOWN.

THE MOST FAMOUS COLLECTION ON EARTH ~WAS I WRONG? BUT I KNOW DIAMONDS~

I WAS RIGHT! ALL PHONIES~
WILSON McCOY 9-28

THE CROWN JEWELS OF CORBA~ FAKE! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
MARSTON, A DIAMOND MERCHANT AND TOURIST IN CORBA.

SIR, WILL YOU COME THIS WAY?
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WILSON McCOY 9-30

DADDY'S BEEN IN THERE LONG ENOUGH.
DRIVER, WILL YOU WAIT?

NO SIGN OF HIM. STRANGE. HE TOLD ME TO MEET HIM HERE

I WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET MY FATHER. WE WERE HERE EARLIER~ DO YOU REMEMBER~?
BUT WE HAVE SO MANY TOURISTS

HE MUST HAVE RETURNED TO THE HOTEL~
CAN WE RETURN TO MY HOTEL, PLEASE.

HAS YOUR FATHER RETURNED? NAME, PLEASE.
MARSTON. WE CHECKED IN THIS MORNING. SUITE 317.

SORRY, WE HAVE NO ONE BY THAT NAME HERE.
?!
WILSON McCOY 10-1

NO RECORD OF US? BUT DADDY AND I REGISTERED THIS MORNING~ SUITE 317
WE HAVE NO SUITE 317.

NONSENSE! I GAVE MY KEY TO YOU, MYSELF, WHEN I WENT OUT~
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU BEFORE, MISS.
hotel ROYALE

NEVER SAW ME BEFORE?!
YOU MUST HAVE US MIXED UP WITH ANOTHER HOTEL. TRY THE OTHERS~

BUT I WAS POSITIVE IT WAS THIS HOTEL.
WILSON McCOY 10-2

NOT THIS HOTEL~ TRY THE HOTEL VILLE~
TEL GRANDE
YES, MISS.

hotel Ville
NOT THIS ONE~

HOTEL COPPA
hotel Vista
Hotel Fleebag
hotel
Hotel
otel Phila
WILSON McCOY 10-3

I'M POSITIVE THIS IS MY HOTEL! TELL ME WHERE MY DADDY IS, OR I'LL CALL THE POLICE!
PLEASE DO, MISS!
hotel ROYALE

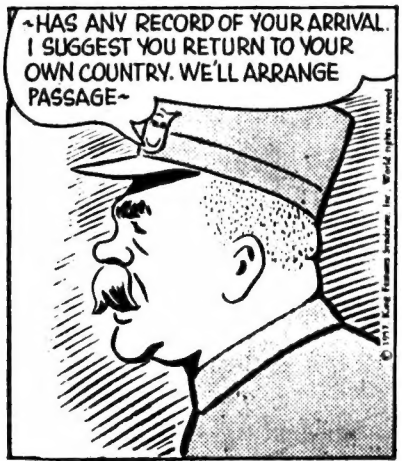
DADDY AND I CHECKED IN AT THE ROYALE. NOW THEY SAY WE'RE NOT REGISTERED THERE~ I CAN'T FIND DADDY!
ONE MOMENT.

SHE SAYS HER NAME IS MARSTON~HMM~YES~ I SEE.
WILSON McCOY 10-4

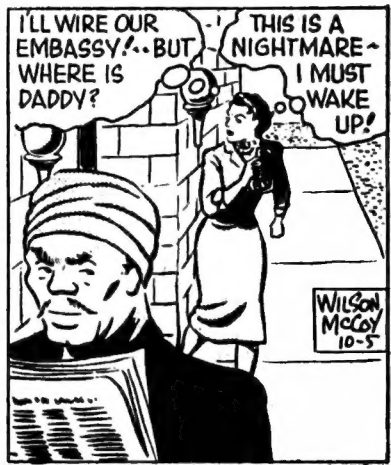
THE HOTEL HAS NO RECORD OF YOU. YOUR PASSPORT?
THE HOTEL TOOK IT! WE WENT THRU CUSTOMS TODAY. CHECK THERE!

NEITHER CUSTOMS NOR THE AIR-LINE HAS ANY RECORD OF YOUR ARRIVAL! HOW DID YOU ENTER THE COUNTRY?
BUT THIS IS MAD!

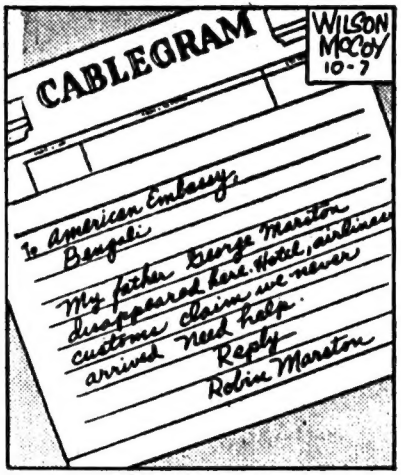
DADDY AND I FLEW IN FROM CEYLON THIS MORNING. WE CHECKED IN AT THE HOTEL ROYALE.
NEITHER HOTEL, AIRLINE NOR CUSTOMS~


~HAS ANY RECORD OF YOUR ARRIVAL. I SUGGEST YOU RETURN TO YOUR OWN COUNTRY. WE'LL ARRANGE PASSAGE~

NO! DADDY'S HERE SOMEWHERE! HE WENT TO SEE THE CROWN JEWELS-- THAT'S THE LAST I SAW OF HIM.


I'LL WIRE OUR EMBASSY!.. BUT WHERE IS DADDY?
THIS IS A NIGHTMARE~ I MUST WAKE UP!
WILSON McCOY 10-5

YES, MISS.
I WANT TO SEND A CABLE TO BENGALI.
Cablegrams


CABLEGRAM
WILSON McCOY 10-7
To American Embassy
Bengali
My father George Marston disappeared here. Hotel, airlines customs claim we never arrived. Need help.
Reply
Robin Marston

WHERE DO YOU WISH THE REPLY SENT, MISS MARSTON?
I'LL WAIT HERE.

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

THERE MUST BE A REPLY TO MY CABLE! I'VE WAITED ALL DAY!
NOTHING YET, MISS.
Cablegrams

OH, HERE YOU ARE. WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU.
HAVE YOU FOUND MY FATHER?
WILSON McCOY 10-8

YOU'RE HERE WITHOUT A PASSPORT, WITHOUT LEGAL ENTRY TO CORBA. YOU MUST LEAVE AT ONCE.
NOT WITHOUT MY FATHER!

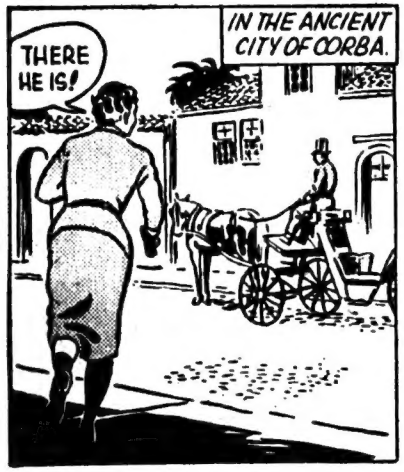
THERE IS A PLANE LEAVING IN TWO HOURS. YOU WILL BE ON IT~
NO!

YOU MUST LEAVE CORBA BY PLANE IN TWO HOURS OR YOU'LL BE SENT TO A HOSPITAL FOR OBSERVATION!

THIS IS AWFUL~MAYBE DADDY CAME BACK TO THIS PLACE~OH~
ROYAL CROWN JEWELS OF CORBA
CLOSED TODAY
WILSON McCOY 10-9

I'M SURE WE CHECKED IN AT THE HOTEL ROYALE~BUT WHY NO RECORD OF US AT CUSTOMS OR THE AIRLINES~?

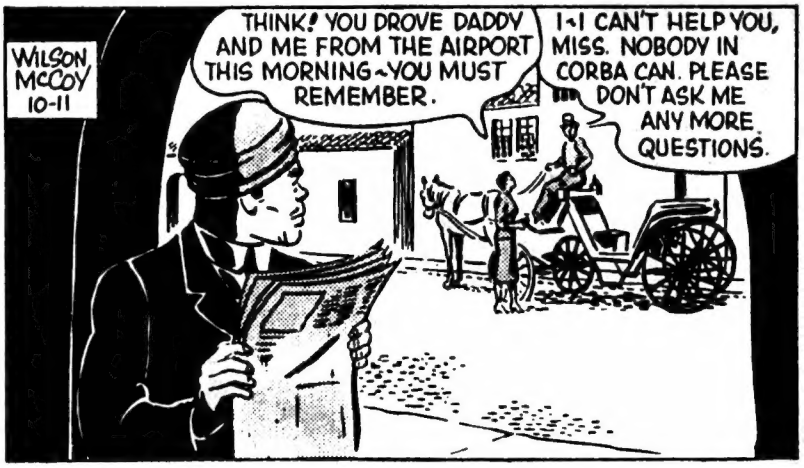
THAT CARRIAGE DRIVER~HE BROUGHT US FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL~THEN TO THE JEWEL COLLECTION~HE'LL REMEMBER!


IN THE ANCIENT CITY OF CORBA.
THERE HE IS!

YOU MUST REMEMBER ME! YOU DROVE DADDY AND ME FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL~THEN TO THE JEWEL COLLECTION.

WILSON McCOY 10-10

NO, MISS, I DON'T REMEMBER YOU.
BUT~YOU'VE DRIVEN ME ALL OVER TOWN! YOU MUST!


WILSON McCOY 10-11
THINK! YOU DROVE DADDY AND ME FROM THE AIRPORT THIS MORNING~YOU MUST REMEMBER.
I~I CAN'T HELP YOU, MISS. NOBODY IN CORBA CAN. PLEASE DON'T ASK ME ANY MORE QUESTIONS.

JUST LISTEN CAREFULLY, PLEASE. I AM A JUNGLE MAN. IN THE JUNGLE, WHEN IN TROUBLE, WE CALL THE PHANTOM.
YOU ARE IN BAD TROUBLE~I KNOW NOT WHAT OR WHY. FIND THE PHANTOM.
THE WHAT?

WHY AM I IN TROUBLE? WHAT HAVE I DONE?
I KNOW NOT, MISS. FIND THE PHANTOM.

PHANTOM? WHO~WHERE?
GO TO THE EDGE OF TOWN~THERE THE JUNGLE BEGINS~GO INTO THE JUNGLE~

CALL FOR HIM~CALL "PHANTOM" HE ALWAYS HEARS ONE WHO NEEDS HIM~ANYWHERE~
I CAN SAY NO MORE MISS.
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WILSON McCOY 10-12

CALL PHANTOM IN JUNGLE. I CAN SAY NO MORE. GO--
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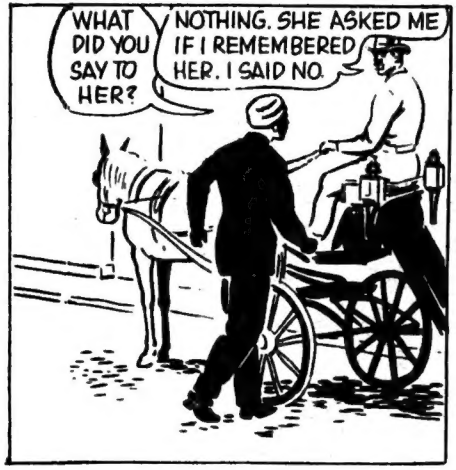

WHAT DID YOU SAY TO HER?
NOTHING. SHE ASKED ME IF I REMEMBERED HER. I SAID NO.

WILSON McCOY 10-14
HE SAID I WAS IN BAD TROUBLE! WHY? WHAT HAVE I DONE? NOTHING! WHERE IS DADDY?

WE ARRIVED HERE THIS MORNING TO SEE THE CROWN JEWELS-NOW DADDY'S GONE-THEY CLAIM WE DIDN'T EVEN ARRIVE!
WILSON McCOY 10-15

OH!
MISS MARSTON, REMEMBER, BE AT THE AIRPORT AND LEAVE CORBA IN ONE HOUR

WHO ARE THOSE MEN? WHY AM I BEING WATCHED? WHERE IS DADDY-WHAT CAN I DO?

IN THE JUNGLE WHEN IN BAD TROUBLE, WE CALL THE PHANTOM. GO TO JUNGLE.
WHAT DID HE MEAN-PHANTOM?

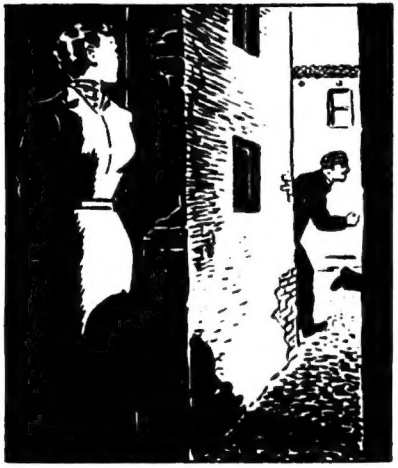
WHERE IS THE JUNGLE, PLEASE?

JUNGLE? ALL AROUND US, MISS. THOUSANDS OF MILES OF IT-IN ALL DIRECTIONS. JUST GO DOWN THE HILL.

WILSON McCOY 10-16

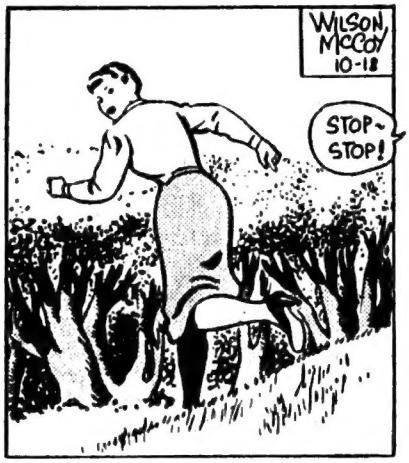
IF THERE IS A PHANTOM, I MUST FIND HIM! I NEED-HELP!

THOSE MEN IN DARK SUITS-- CHASING ME-



THE JUNGLE BEGINS THERE-IF I CAN ONLY GET THERE!
WILSON McCOY 10-17

THERE SHE GOES!
AFTER HER!


WILSON McCOY 10-18
STOP- STOP!

PHEW-SHE RUNS LIKE A DEER-SHE'S GONE INTO THE JUNGLE!

WE'D BETTER GO AFTER HER.
NOT ME! IT'S ALMOST DARK. THIS IS THE BEST THING THAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED!

SHE WON'T LAST MORE THAN ONE NIGHT IN THERE! IF THE CATS DON'T GET HER, THE SAVAGES WILL!

YOU'RE RIGHT. IF THE CATS DON'T GET HER, THE SAVAGES WILL.
LET'S GO BACK AND REPORT.

IT'S GETTING DARK- BUT I CAN'T GO BACK THERE-
HOW CAN I FIND-THE PHANTOM?

CALL HIM- HE'LL FIND YOU.
WILSON McCOY 10-19

IT SEEMS CRAZY, BUT WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?!
PHANTOM- PHANTOM!

PHANTOM-
PHANTOM-
PHANTOM!

-I'VE WALKED FOR HOURS-
THAT CARRIAGE DRIVER SAID-"GO TO THE JUNGLE-CALL PHANTOM-HE WILL HEAR"-

"IT'S SILLY-BUT WHAT ELSE CAN I DO-?
PHANTOM PHANTOM

"THE PHANTOM HAS MANY EARS"-
-OLD JUNGLE SAYING
WILSON McCOY 10-21

PHANTOM PHANTOM
I'M SHOUTING TO EMPTY AIR-HOW STUPID!

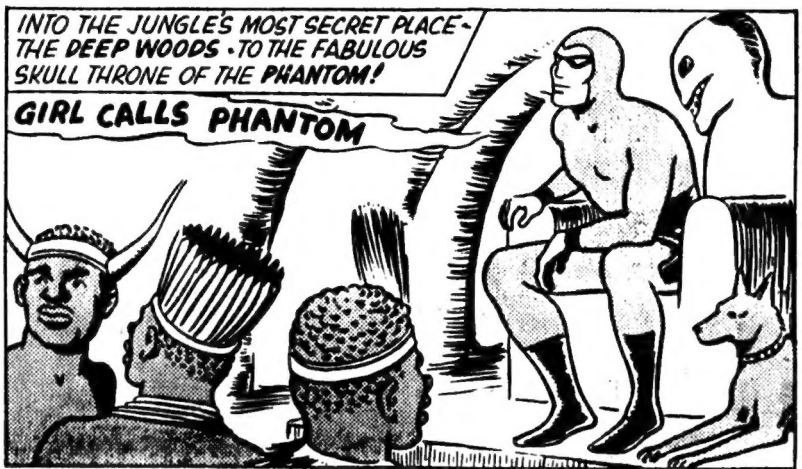
SUDDENLY-ALL ABOUT HER--

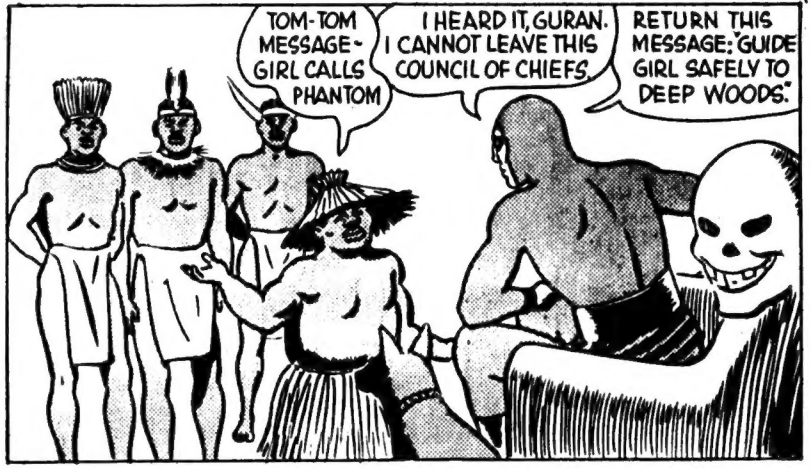
TOM-TOMS! WHERE? I CAN SEE NO ONE! MAYBE THEY'RE CANNIBALS!

WILSON McCOY 10-22
GIRL CALLS PHANTOM

ALL ABOUT HER-HIDDEN, THROBBING TOM-TOMS
GIRL CALLS PHANTOM ... GIRL CALLS PHANT
I CAN SEE NO ONE.
WILSON McCOY 10-23

FOR MILES THRU THE JUNGLE--THE MESSAGE IS PICKED UP AND RELAYED-


INTO THE JUNGLE'S MOST SECRET PLACE-THE DEEP WOODS-TO THE FABULOUS SKULL THRONE OF THE PHANTOM!
GIRL CALLS PHANTOM


TOM-TOM MESSAGE- GIRL CALLS PHANTOM
I HEARD IT, GURAN. I CANNOT LEAVE THIS COUNCIL OF CHIEFS.
RETURN THIS MESSAGE: "GUIDE GIRL SAFELY TO DEEP WOODS."

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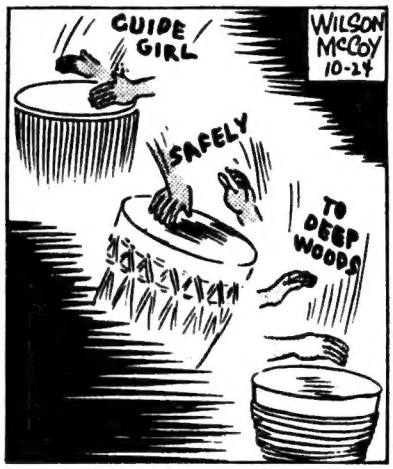
GUIDE GIRL
SAFELY
TO DEEP WOODS
WILSON McCOY 10-24

GUIDE GIRL SAFELY TO DEEP WOODS
TOM-TOMS- EVERYWHERE- WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

SUDDENLY --OUT OF THE BUSHES-

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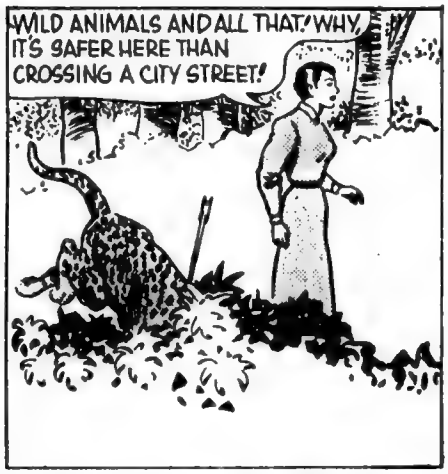
WILSON McCOY 10-25

WHO ARE YOU? WHY SHOULD I GO THAT WAY?

FRIENDLY EYES ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES WATCHING HER - THERE ARE ALSO HUNGRY ONES!
EVERY TURN I MAKE, A SILENT NATIVE STEPS OUT AND DIRECTS ME. WHY? WHERE TO?
WILSON McCOY 10-26

AT HOME, WE ALWAYS HEAR HOW DANGEROUS THE JUNGLE IS SUPPOSED TO BE.

WILSON McCOY 10-28


WILD ANIMALS AND ALL THAT! WHY, IT'S SAFER HERE THAN CROSSING A CITY STREET!

MAYBE THIS ISN'T THE REALLY DANGEROUS PART OF THE JUNGLE.

I SUPPOSE I'VE SEEN TOO MANY MOVIES~BUT I EXPECTED SOME DANGER~~WILD ANIMALS, ANYHOW~~

OTHER DANGERS~ WILD MEN~

SHE HAS JEWELS!
WILSON McCOY 10-29

HOW FAR AM I SUPPOSED TO GO~? IS THERE REALLY A PHANTOM?

WILSON McCOY 10-30

YOU DARED! SHE IS UNDER THE PHANTOM'S PROTECTION!
I DIDN'T KNOW~

THERE PROBABLY ISN'T A PHANTOM~ JUST AS THERE'S NO DANGER IN THESE WOODS~
~MAYBE I'LL FIND SOMEONE TO HELP ME~

OH - I'VE WALKED AND WALKED - - I'M SO TIRED AND HUNGRY

OH - FRUIT! I DIDN'T NOTICE. SOMEONE MUST HAVE DROPPED IT - HOW LUCKY!

I'M SO ALONE IN THIS JUNGLE - BUT SOMEHOW, I DON'T FEEL AFRAID - EVEN THE TOM-TOMS FAR AWAY SOUND FRIENDLY - I'M SLEEPY -

WILSON McCOY 10-31
BRING HER SAFELY TO ME... PHANTOM...
BRING HER SAFELY TO ME... PHANTOM... BRING

WILSON McCOY 11-1
WHILE ROBIN BATHES CALMLY IN A JUNGLE POOL -

SWIFT, SILENT ARROWS STOP OTHERS WHO TRY TO JOIN HER!

WAIT UNTIL I TELL THEM AT HOME HOW SAFE THE JUNGLE IS - IF I EVER GET HOME - OH -
WHAT A CUTE LITTLE MAN! WHERE'D HE COME FROM?
SUDDENLY, FROM NOWHERE, THE MOST DANGEROUS OF ALL JUNGLE DWELLERS - THE PYGMY BANDAR! ROBIN HAS REACHED THE DEEP WOODS!

HE WANTS ME TO FOLLOW HIM - UNDER THAT WATERFALL?

UNKNOWING, - SHE FOLLOWS - WHERE AN ARMY WOULD NOT GO UNINVITED -

WILSON McCOY 11-2
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WHO ARE YOU?
YOU CALLED ME. WHY?

BEFORE THE LEGENDARY SKULL THRONE OF THE PHANTOM.
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?
YOUNG LADY, HAVE YOU COME ALL THIS WAY TO ASK QUESTIONS? WHAT IS YOUR TROUBLE?

I'M ROBIN MARSTON. I'VE COME FROM CORBA. DADDY SAID THE CROWN JEWELS WEREN'T REAL~ DISAPPEARED~THE HOTEL MAN SAID WE WEREN'T REGISTERED~
WILSON McCOY 11-4

~BUT WE WERE~ I WENT TO THE POLICE AND UHH~~
WHOA~YOU NEED FOOD AND REST. THEN YOUR STORY.

DADDY AND I ARRIVED IN CORBA TO SEE THE CROWN JEWELS~WHAT KIND OF DOG IS THAT?
A WOLF. GO ON.
WILSON McCOY 11-5

A WOLF? OH (GULP). WE WENT TO THE MUSEUM. DADDY, WHO IS A DIAMOND MERCHANT, SAID THE JEWELS WERE FAKES.

"LATER, I TRIED TO FIND DADDY IN THE MUSEUM, BUT HE'D DISAPPEARED."

"I RETURNED TO OUR HOTEL"
SORRY, YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED HERE.
BUT~WE ARE~ WE CAME HERE THIS MORNING!

"I WENT TO THE POLICE"
NO RECORD OF YOUR ARRIVAL~NO PASSPORT~ YOU MUST LEAVE CORBA AT ONCE.

"I WAS FRANTIC~~I FOUND A CABBY WHO'D DRIVEN US"
GO TO JUNGLE~CALL PHANTOM~

"SOME MEN TRIED TO FORCE ME ONTO A PLANE~I RAN AWAY INTO THE JUNGLE~"

~AND HERE I AM. CAN YOU FIND DADDY AND SOLVE THIS NIGHTMARE?
NOT HERE. I MUST GO TO CORBA.
WILSON McCOY 11-6

GURAN, I LEAVE FOR CORBA KEEP THE GIRL SAFELY HERE UNTIL I SEND FOR HER.
IT WILL BE DONE, O GHOST WHO WALKS.
LEAVE ME HERE? CAN'T I GO WITH YOU?

I TRAVEL FASTER ALONE. YOU WILL BE SAFE HERE. DO NOT TRY TO LEAVE. DO NOT BE AFRAID.
WILSON McCOY 11-7

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WHO-IS HE?
PHANTOM-GHOST WHO WALKS-MAN WHO CANNOT DIE.

MAN WHO CANNOT-WHY, HOW OLD IS HE?
PHANTOM FOUR CENTURIES OLD. MAYBE MORE, SO THEY SAY.

THAT'S SILLY! HE'S A YOUNG MAN, ISN'T HE?
PHANTOM IS PHANTOM.

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WILSON McCOY 11-8

STRANGE-THE GIRL'S FATHER DISAPPEARS-EVERYONE-HOTELS, POLICE, CUSTOMS OFFICIALS-DENY SHE AND HER FATHER EVEN ARRIVED-

SHE MIGHT BE LYING, BUT I HARDLY THINK SO. SHE'D NEVER FACE THE JUNGLE TO FIND ME-

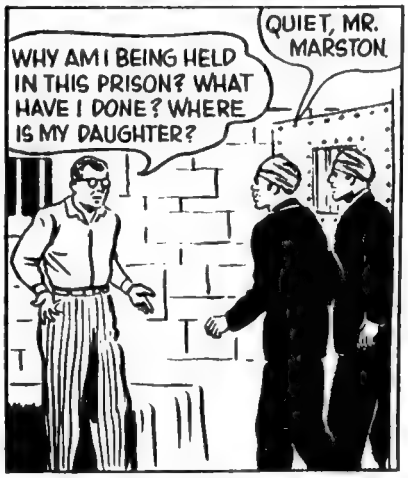
EVEN IF HER FATHER'S A DIAMOND MERCHANT, HOW COULD THE CROWN JEWELS BE FAKES? I'VE HEARD OF THEM ALL MY LIFE.
IS HER FATHER STILL ALIVE? THE ANSWER TO THE MYSTERY IS THERE-CORBA!
WILSON McCOY 11-9

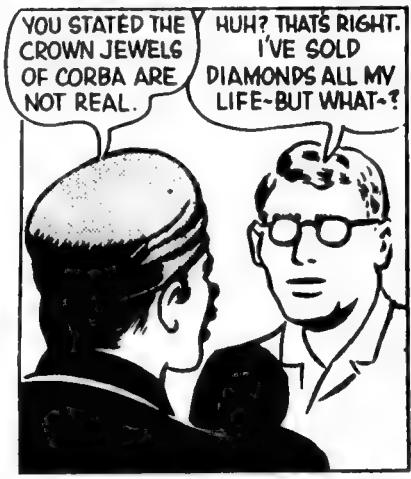
IN ANCIENT CORBA ~ THE ROYAL PRISON~

INSIDE ~ ROBIN'S MISSING FATHER!
I'VE BEEN HERE FOR DAYS ~ WHY ARE THEY KEEPING ME HERE? WHAT HAVE I DONE?

WHAT CAN ROBIN BE THINKING? SHE MUST BE WORRIED SICK~~ NO ONE'S TALKED TO ME~ JUST FOOD UNDER THE DOOR.

DOOR ~ OPENING ~ SOMEONE'S COMING IN AT LAST!
WILSON McCOY 11-11


WHY AM I BEING HELD IN THIS PRISON? WHAT HAVE I DONE? WHERE IS MY DAUGHTER?
QUIET, MR. MARSTON.


YOU STATED THE CROWN JEWELS OF CORBA ARE NOT REAL.
HUH? THAT'S RIGHT. I'VE SOLD DIAMONDS ALL MY LIFE ~ BUT WHAT~?

WHAT IS THIS MYSTERY OF THE JEWELS?
YOU WILL WITHDRAW THAT STATEMENT AND SWEAR NEVER TO REPEAT IT.
WHAT IS THIS? IT'S THE TRUTH! WHY SHOULD I?
IF YOU DON'T, YOU WILL NEVER LEAVE HERE ALIVE!
WILSON McCOY 11-12

I SEE NOW! SOMEONE STOLE THE REAL CROWN JEWELS ~ YOU'RE TRYING TO COVER UP~
YOU EXPECT ME TO CONCEAL THE THEFT OF THE MOST VALUABLE DIAMOND COLLECTION ON EARTH?

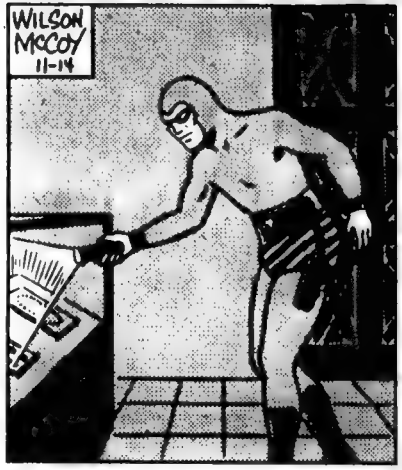
THIS IS NOT YOUR BUSINESS! YOU ARE A VISITOR HERE!

MARSTON, YOU MAY NEVER LEAVE HERE ALIVE!
SHH. LET HIM THINK IT OVER A LITTLE LONGER.

THE STUBBORN FOOL! WHY DOESN'T HE PROMISE TO KEEP QUIET? WHAT'LL WE DO NOW?
WHAT IS THIS?
I DON'T KNOW.
WILSON McCOY 11-13

FIRST, TO CHECK MARSTON'S BELIEF THAT THE CROWN JEWELS OF CORBA ARE FALSE.

THIS IS THE MUSEUM WHERE THEY'RE KEPT.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A THIEF ~ IN THE CROWN-JEWEL ROOM!

ALARM BELL!
THIEF~ UPSTAIRS!

DON'T MOVE OR I'LL SHOOT!
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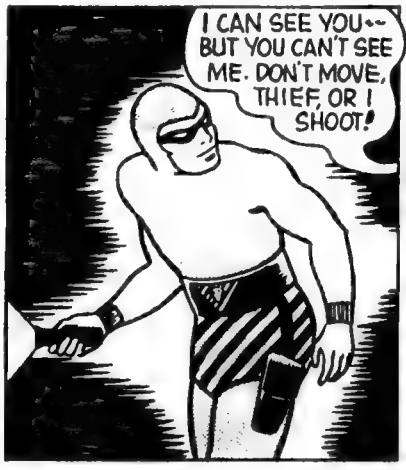
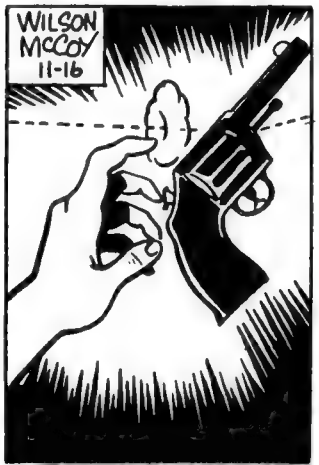

I CAN SEE YOU-- BUT YOU CAN'T SEE ME. DON'T MOVE, THIEF, OR I SHOOT!

SUDDENLY~LIGHT IN HIS EYES~
UH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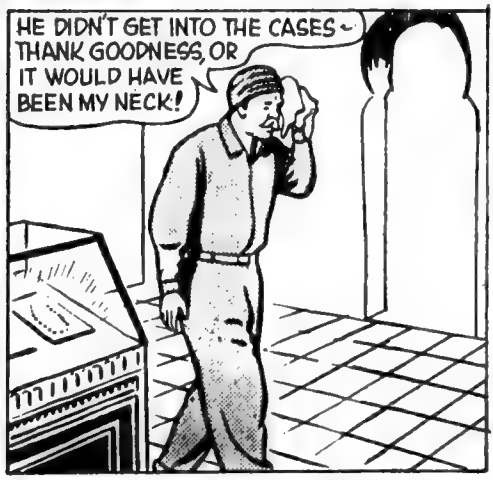
HE'S IN THERE!

THE THIEF'S IN THERE!
TURN ON THE LIGHTS!

WILSON McCOY 11-18

HE WENT OUT THAT WINDOW! HE'S ON THE ROOF~~
QUICK, UP TO THE ROOF!

HE MUST BE HIDING UP HERE SOMEPLACE
COVER THE WHOLE ROOF.


HE DIDN'T GET INTO THE CASES~ THANK GOODNESS, OR IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MY NECK!

FOUND HIM UP THERE?
NOT YET.

WILSON McCOY 11-19

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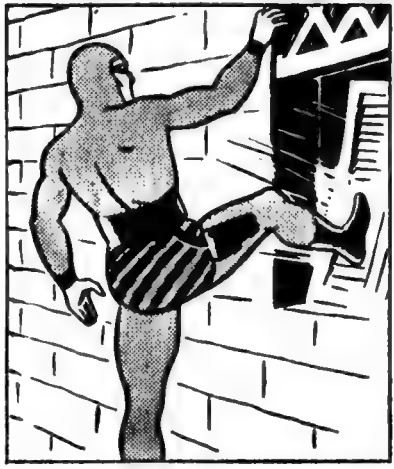
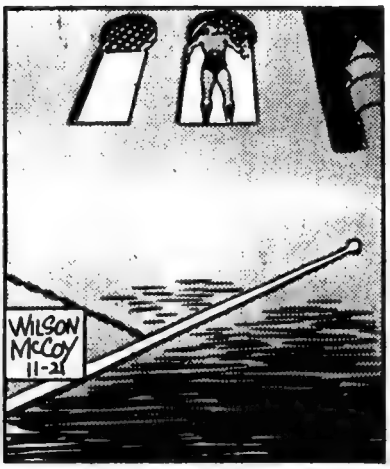
YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY! THE MUSEUM'S FULL OF SOLDIERS~ THEY SAW YOU!
A TOURIST NAMED MARSTON SAID THE CROWN JEWELS ARE FAKE.

~WHERE IS HE?
IN THE ROYAL JAIL~~ WHERE YOU'LL BE! OOPS~ WASN'T SUPPOSED TO SAY~

THE THIEF'S IN THERE~ WITH THE WATCHMAN!
WILSON McCOY 11-20

OPEN UP~WE KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE!
LOCKED! STAND BACK! I'LL SHOOT THE LOCK!

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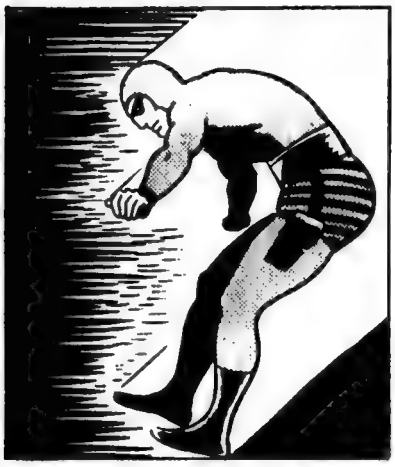
THERE HE IS!



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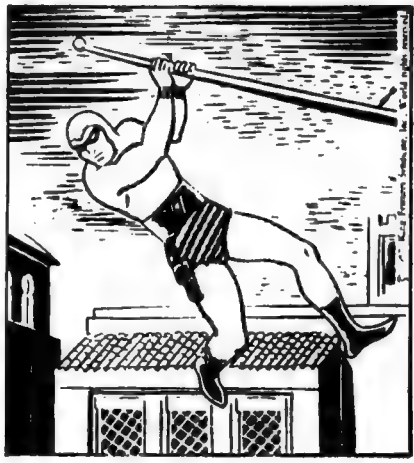
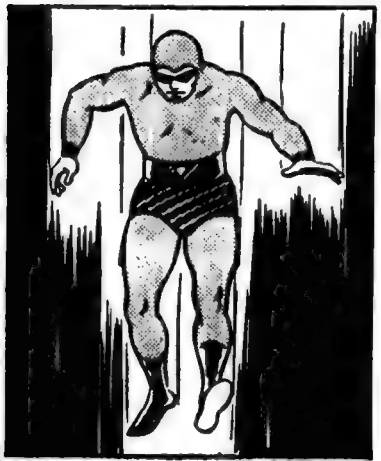




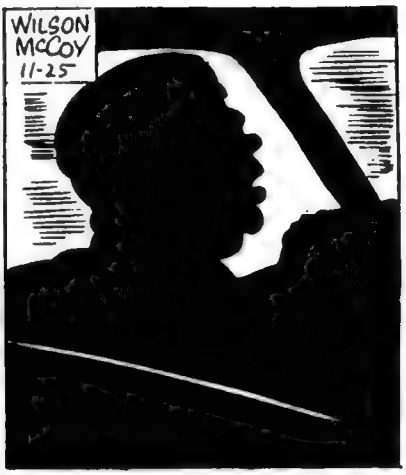
THUMP
WILSON McCOY 11-23

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
DON'T JUST GAPE! USE YOUR RIFLES!

IN ANCIENT CORBA-
TOO LATE- THE CAR TURNED-
QUICK-DOWN TO THE STREET!

SOMETHING LANDED ON TOP OF MY CAR!

DON'T STOP! KEEP GOING. TAKE ME TO THE ROYAL PRISON.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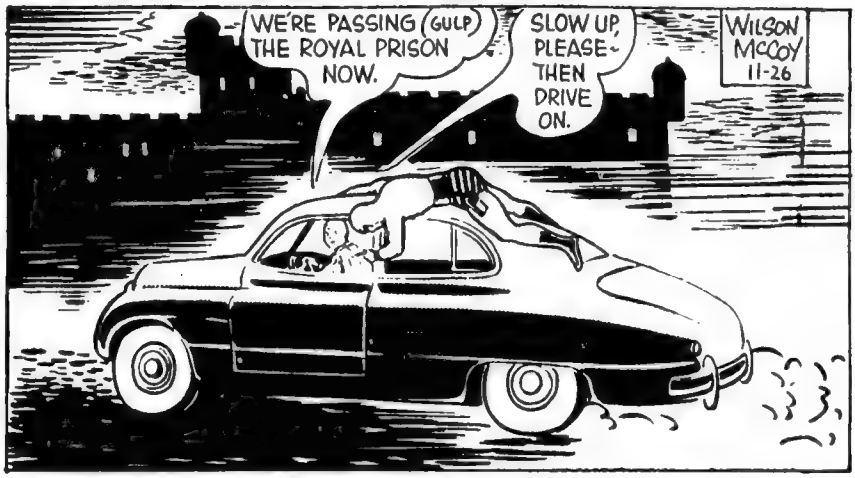

WE'RE PASSING THE ROYAL PRISON NOW.
(GULP)
SLOW UP, PLEASE- THEN DRIVE ON.
WILSON McCOY 11-26

THANKS FOR THE LIFT!

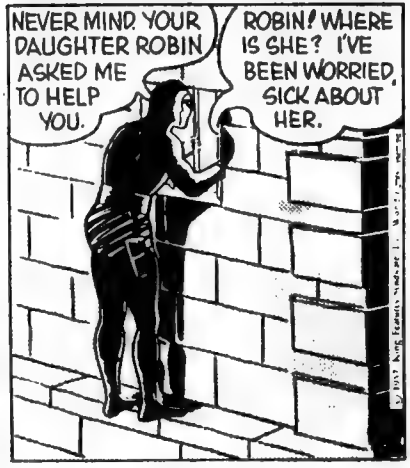
WHY- SHOULD A MASKED MAN WANT TO GO TO THE ROYAL PRISON?

NIGHT- AT THE ROYAL PRISON OF CORBA- A SENTRY MAKES HIS ROUNDS.

IN WHICH CELL IS MARSTON, THE TOURIST?
GLUB

WILSON, McCOY 11-27
WHO TRIES TO BREAK INTO THE ROYAL PRISON?

MARSTON~ WAKE UP!
UH~UH~UH~ WHO~~ARE YOU?
WILSON McCOY 11-28


NEVER MIND YOUR DAUGHTER ROBIN ASKED ME TO HELP YOU.
ROBIN! WHERE IS SHE? I'VE BEEN WORRIED SICK ABOUT HER.

SHE'S FINE. WHY ARE YOU HELD HERE?
NOBODY'LL TELL ME! IT MUST BE BECAUSE I SAID THE CROWN JEWELS ARE FAKE!

THE MASKED MAN WAS ON YOUR ROOF. WHERE DID HE GO?
HE JUMPED OFF AT THE ROYAL PRISON. WHAT IS THIS?

SECRET POLICE COME EACH DAY~TRYING TO MAKE ME PROMISE NOT TO REVEAL THE CROWN JEWELS ARE FAKE!
WILSON McCOY 11-29

ARE THEY? I HAD A QUICK LOOK BUT I COULDN'T TELL.
I'D STAKE MY REPUTATION AS A DIAMOND EXPERT~

THEY'RE CLEVER REPLICAS~ BUT GLASS! THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS COLLECTION! HOW CAN THIS BE?
THAT'S WHAT I MUST FIND OUT!

DON'T SHOOT! ORDERS ARE TO TAKE HIM ALIVE! HE CAN'T GET AWAY~~

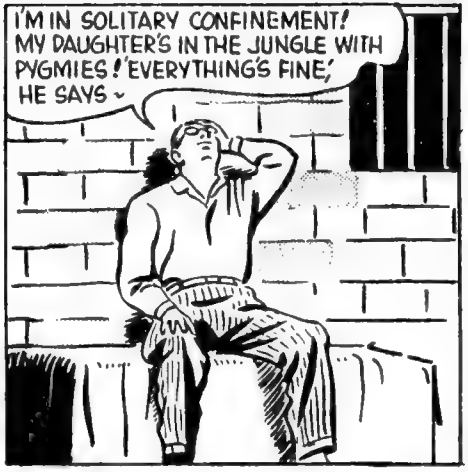
SOMEONE'S STOLEN THE REAL DIAMONDS, REPLACED THEM WITH GLASS COPIES.
PRINCE CORBAN OF CORBA IS A GREAT MAN, FAMED FOR HIS CHARITY~

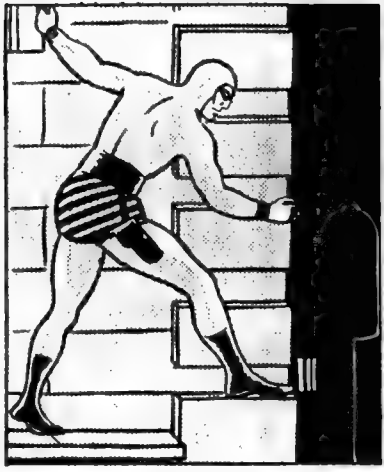
~THIS MUST BE A WIDESPREAD PLOT TO HIDE THE THEFTS FROM HIM I WILL GO TO THE PRINCE.
GOOD! AND MY DAUGHTER?
WILSON McCOY 11-30

DON'T WORRY ABOUT HER. THE PYGMIES ARE TAKING GOOD CARE OF HER IN THE JUNGLE.
PYGMIES~ JUNGLE?!

HE'S STARTING TO MOVE!
WE'VE SURROUNDED THE PRISON. NO MATTER WHERE HE COMES DOWN, WE'VE GOT HIM!

I'M GOING TO THE PRINCE NOW. STOP WORRYING, MARSTON. EVERYTHING'S FINE.
BUT~YOU HAVEN'T SAID WHO YOU ARE~
WILSON McCOY 12-2


I'M IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT! MY DAUGHTER'S IN THE JUNGLE WITH PYGMIES! 'EVERYTHING'S FINE,' HE SAYS ~



HE'S COMING DOWN THIS CORNER!
READY~~

HE STOPPED~
COME DOWN HERE, YOU!

WILSON McCOY 12-3

YOU INVITED ME TO COME DOWN.

HIS HARD FISTS MOVE LIKE TRIP-HAMMERS.

WHEEEEE

GOT THE WHOLE PACK AFTER ME NOW!
WILSON McCOY 12-4

WILSON McCOY 12-5
NOT FIRING~ THEIR ORDERS MUST BE~ TO GET ME ALIVE~

!
PARDON ME~

?
PARDON ME~

HE WENT THAT WAY!

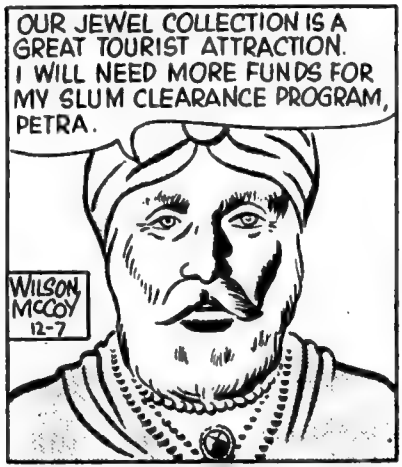
WHAT IS THIS? MORE TRAFFIC IN HERE THAN ON MAIN STREET!

WILSON McCOY 12-6
THERE'S NO ONE IN HERE EXCEPT ME, YOU FOOL! HE WENT OUT THAT WINDOW

THE PALACE~WHERE I'LL FIND PRINCE CORBAN~ AND THE ANSWER TO THIS MYSTERY!

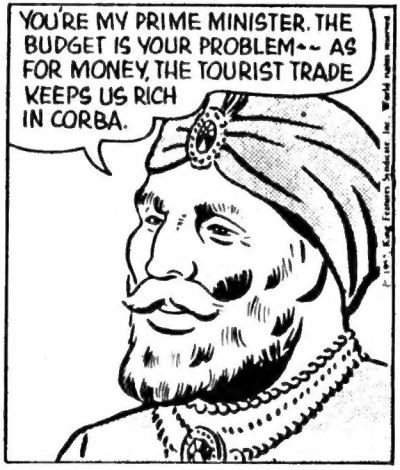
PRINCE CORBAN~~ BELOVED RULER OF CORBA~FAMED FOR HIS PUBLIC WORKS.

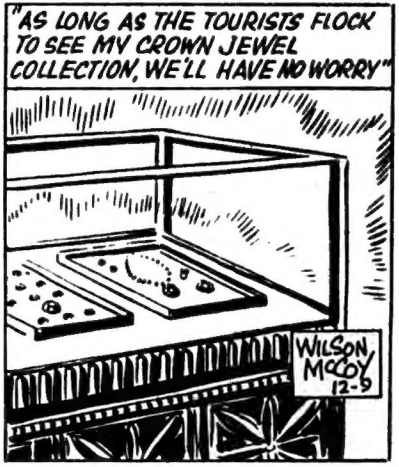
THANKS TO THE BOOMING TOURIST TRADE, OUR BUDGET WILL BALANCE THIS YEAR, YOUR HIGHNESS.
GOOD, GOOD


OUR JEWEL COLLECTION IS A GREAT TOURIST ATTRACTION. I WILL NEED MORE FUNDS FOR MY SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAM, PETRA.
WILSON McCOY 12-7

BUT, YOUR HIGHNESS, YOU'VE ALREADY SPENT THE FUNDS FOR THIS YEAR~
THE WORK MUST GO ON, PETRA

PETRA, MY SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAM MUST CONTINUE.
YOUR HIGHNESS, HOW CAN I BALANCE THE BUDGET? WHERE CAN I GET MONEY?


YOU'RE MY PRIME MINISTER. THE BUDGET IS YOUR PROBLEM-- AS FOR MONEY, THE TOURIST TRADE KEEPS US RICH IN CORBA.


"AS LONG AS THE TOURISTS FLOCK TO SEE MY CROWN JEWEL COLLECTION, WE'LL HAVE NO WORRY"
WILSON McCOY 12-9

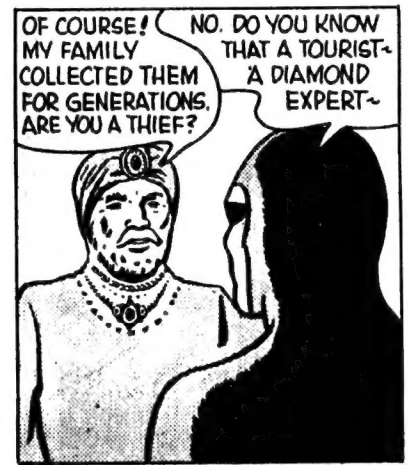
SO STOP WORRYING- FIND THE MONEY FOR MY PROGRAM, AND GO TO BED, PETRA.
YES, YOUR HIGHNESS.

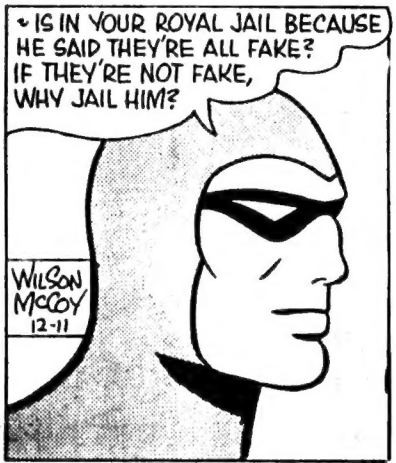
SIR, THE MASKED MAN HAS BEEN TRACED TO THE PALACE GROUNDS
WHY WOULD HE COME HERE? HAVE THE GUARDS SEARCH QUIETLY.

THE PRINCE MUST HEAR NOTHING ABOUT THIS. UNDERSTAND?
OF COURSE, EXCELLENCY.

DON'T RING FOR HELP, YOUR HIGHNESS. I'VE JUST COME TO CHAT ABOUT YOUR CROWN JEWELS-
-AND WHY YOU WHO ARE FAMED FOR YOUR CHARITY AND HONESTY JAIL AN INNOCENT MAN.
WILSON McCOY 12-10

CROWN JEWELS? JAILING AN INNOCENT MAN? WHO ARE YOU?
NEVER MIND. DO THE JEWELS BELONG TO YOU, PRINCE CORBAN?


OF COURSE! MY FAMILY COLLECTED THEM FOR GENERATIONS. ARE YOU A THIEF?
NO. DO YOU KNOW THAT A TOURIST- A DIAMOND EXPERT-


-IS IN YOUR ROYAL JAIL BECAUSE HE SAID THEY'RE ALL FAKE? IF THEY'RE NOT FAKE, WHY JAIL HIM?
WILSON McCOY 12-11

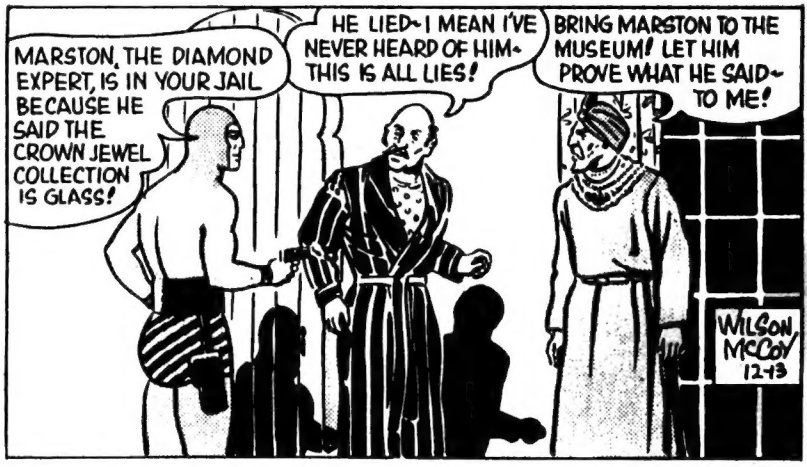
THIS IS ALL RIDICULOUS! IMPOSSIBLE!
CALL IN YOUR PRIME MINISTER. SEE IF HE THINKS IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

WHAT IS SO URGENT THAT I MUST GO TO HIS HIGHNESS AT ONCE, WITHOUT DRESSING?
ORDERS, MR. PRIME MINISTER.

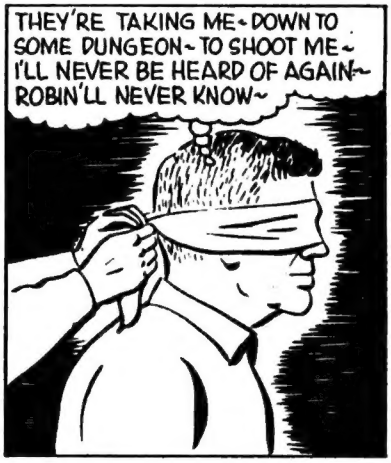
YOUR HIGHNESS, WHY WAS I ~~
WHO HAS STOLEN THE CROWN JEWELS.

STOLEN?~NO ONE!~ (GULP) THE COLLECTION'S SEEN BY THOUSANDS EVERY DAY.
THEY'RE ALL GLASS!

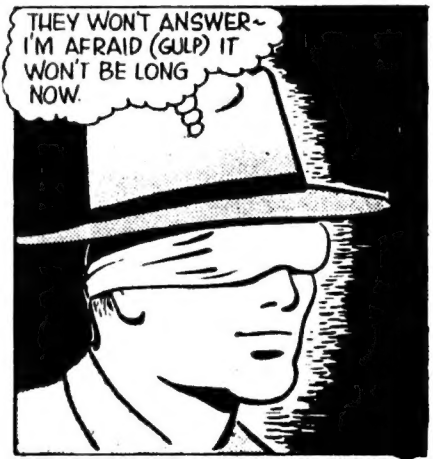
THAT'S~ABSURD! WHO SAYS SO?
I DO.
WILSON McCOY 12-12

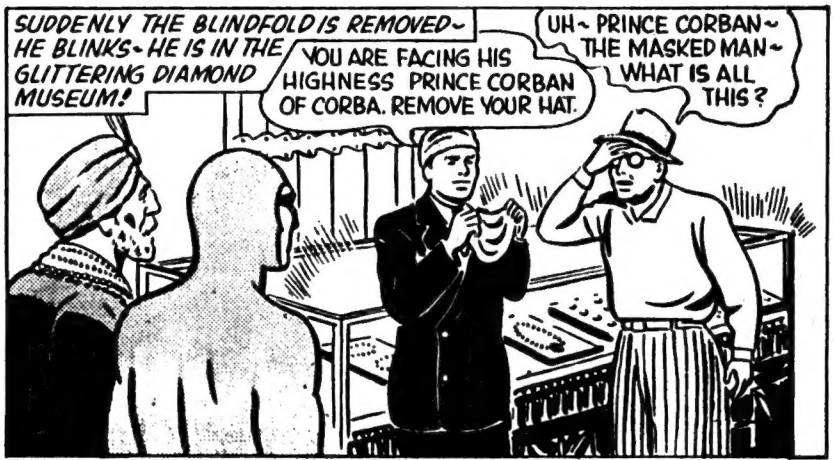

MARSTON, THE DIAMOND EXPERT, IS IN YOUR JAIL BECAUSE HE SAID THE CROWN JEWEL COLLECTION IS GLASS!
HE LIED~I MEAN I'VE NEVER HEARD OF HIM~THIS IS ALL LIES!
BRING MARSTON TO THE MUSEUM! LET HIM PROVE WHAT HE SAID~TO ME!
WILSON McCOY 12-13

UHH~HAVE YOU COME~TO RELEASE ME?
NO. GET UP, MARSTON.


THEY'RE TAKING ME~DOWN TO SOME DUNGEON~TO SHOOT ME~ I'LL NEVER BE HEARD OF AGAIN~ ROBIN'LL NEVER KNOW~

WILSON McCOY 12-14
I THOUGHT YOU WERE TAKING ME TO A DUNGEON~TO SHOOT ME! ARE YOU TAKING ME TO A FIELD?

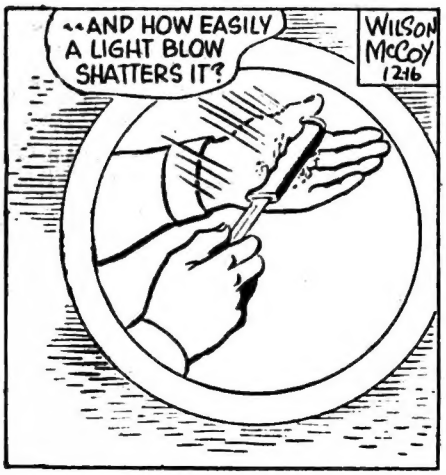

THEY WON'T ANSWER~ I'M AFRAID (GULP) IT WON'T BE LONG NOW.


SUDDENLY THE BLINDFOLD IS REMOVED~ HE BLINKS~HE IS IN THE GLITTERING DIAMOND MUSEUM!
YOU ARE FACING HIS HIGHNESS PRINCE CORBAN OF CORBA. REMOVE YOUR HAT.
UH~PRINCE CORBAN~ THE MASKED MAN~ WHAT IS ALL THIS?

MR. MARSTON, YOU'VE STATED MY JEWEL COLLECTION IS ALL GLASS. CAN YOU PROVE THIS?
OH! OF COURSE, YOUR HIGHNESS~

ANY DIAMOND MAN COULD TELL AT A GLANCE THAT THIS IS A CLEVER GLASS COPY. MAY I HAVE A NAIL OR KNIFE?

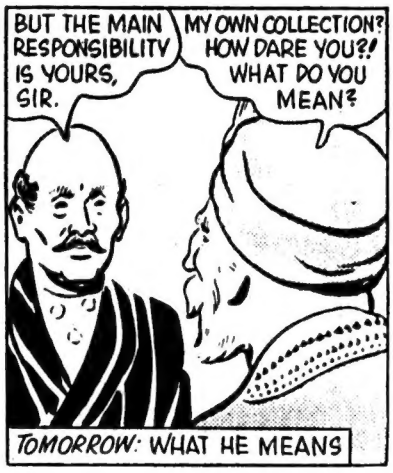
DIAMONDS ARE THE HARDEST NATURAL SUBSTANCE ON EARTH~YET SEE HOW THIS KNIFE SCRATCHES IT?


~AND HOW EASILY A LIGHT BLOW SHATTERS IT?
WILSON McCOY 12-16

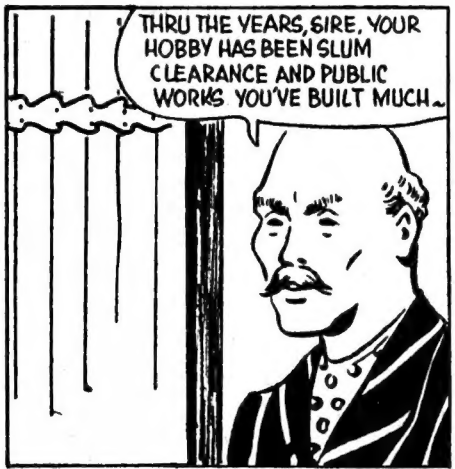
WILSON McCOY 12-17
GLASS~GLASS GLASS~

ARE ALL MY DIAMONDS GONE?
(GULP)~NOT QUITE ALL OF THEM, YOUR HIGHNESS

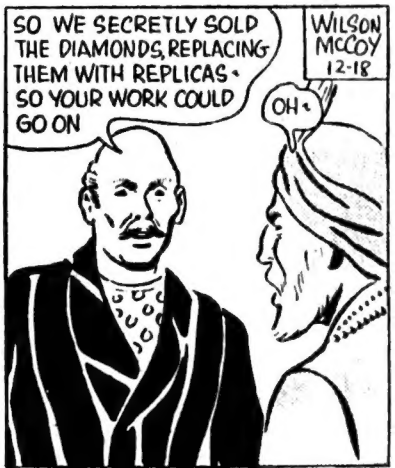
PETRA~MY PRIME MINISTER! YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS? ARE YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR THE THEFT?
IN A WAY, HIGHNESS

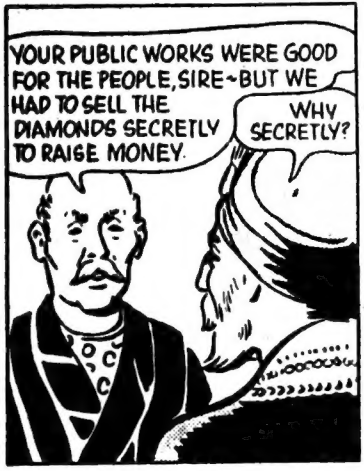

BUT THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY IS YOURS, SIR.
MY OWN COLLECTION? HOW DARE YOU?! WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
TOMORROW: WHAT HE MEANS

ACCUSING ME OF STEALING MY OWN CROWN JEWELS? SEIZE THAT MAN!
WAIT~LET HIM EXPLAIN.

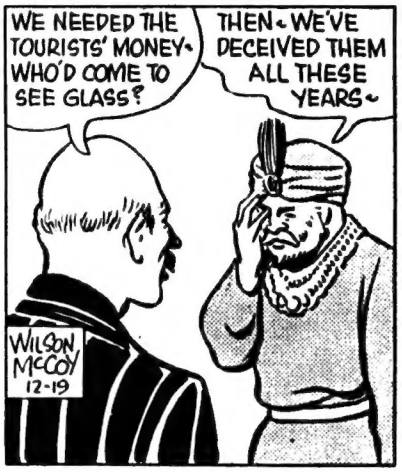

THRU THE YEARS, SIRE, YOUR HOBBY HAS BEEN SLUM CLEARANCE AND PUBLIC WORKS YOU'VE BUILT MUCH~

"THRU THE YEARS YOU DEMANDED MONEY~"
BUT~THE BUDGET~
FIND THE MONEY. THE WORK MUST GO ON.


SO WE SECRETLY SOLD THE DIAMONDS, REPLACING THEM WITH REPLICAS~SO YOUR WORK COULD GO ON
WILSON McCOY 12-18
OH~


YOUR PUBLIC WORKS WERE GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE, SIRE~BUT WE HAD TO SELL THE DIAMONDS SECRETLY TO RAISE MONEY.
WHY SECRETLY?

"THOUSANDS OF TOURISTS CAME TO CORBA ANNUALLY TO SEE THE WORLD'S GREATEST COLLECTION"


WE NEEDED THE TOURISTS' MONEY~WHO'D COME TO SEE GLASS?
THEN~WE'VE DECEIVED THEM ALL THESE YEARS~
WILSON McCOY 12-19

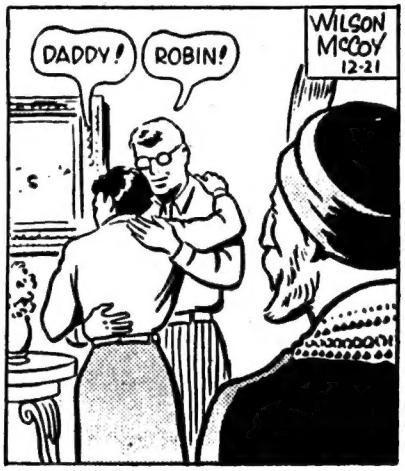
MR. MARSTON, I DIDN'T KNOW~I APOLOGIZE FOR YOUR TREATMENT~I MUST THINK THIS OUT~
IT'S OKAY, PRINCE. FORGET IT.

PHANTOM CALLS. TIME TO GO, ROBIN MARSTON.
GO? WHERE? WHAT HAPPENED?

RELAYS OF CARRIERS RUSH HER THRU THE JUNGLE~
HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED TO DADDY?
WILSON McCOY 12-20

~INTO THE STREETS OF CORBA~
CORBA! WHAT~A WILD RIDE!

~INTO THE ROYAL PALACE ITSELF!


DADDY!
ROBIN!
WILSON McCOY 12-21

WE CAN NEVER MAKE UP FOR THE WORRY CAUSED YOU AND YOUR FATHER~
~ACCEPT THIS LITTLE TOKEN~IT'S REAL~NOT GLASS!

LOOK~AT THAT! DADDY~WHERE IS THE PHANTOM? YOU SHOULD SEE HIS~~PLACE~
TIME WE WENT HOME. THIS PLACE IS TOO MUCH!

THEY'VE CHANGED THE SIGN, BUT TOURISTS STILL COME~SO ALL ENDS WELL IN CORBA.
ROYAL CROWN JEWEL COLLECTION
NEXT WEEK: NEW ADVENTURE